

**James Alexander Hamilton to Andrew Jackson,
September 25, 1833, from Correspondence of Andrew
Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.**

COLONEL JAMES A. HAMILTON TO JACKSON.

Confidential

New York, September 25, 1833.

My dear Sir, I inform you *in Confidence* what I have lately heard from a source entitled to belief in relation to Gallatin's Review Published in Walsh's Review.¹

¹ *American Quarterly Review* (edited by Robert Walsh), VIII. 441–528; reprinted as a pamphlet in 1831, *Considerations on the Currency and Banking System of the United States*, and in Gallatin's *Writing*, III. 231–365.

That work was written at the request of Biddle and upon a Promise that the Author should be made President of the U.S. Branch Bank in this City. Circumstances deemed suffic[i]ent by Mr. Biddle induced him not to carry into effect that agreement. not so with the Author. he did not feel the force of these circumstances and was much dissatisfied. Biddle however to heal the wound offered the Author 1000 Dollars. whether he took it or not I cannot learn. The impression is he refused *so small* a Sum.²

² "He not only received no compensation from the bank, but declined the ordinary pay of contributors to the Review." Henry Adams, *Life of Gallatin*, p. 639.